

**CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 3, 2008**  
**SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority was called to order on September 3, 2008 at 10:00AM at the San Diego Association of Governments Board Room in San Diego, CA.

Members Present: Quentin Kopp, Chairman  
Fran Florez  
David Crane  
Rod Diridon, Sr.  
Lynn Schenk

Members Absent: TJ Stapleton  
Thomas Umberg  
Kirk Lindsey  
Curt Pringle

**Opening Comments**

Chairman Kopp welcomed Board Members to today's meeting.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes for the following Authority Meetings:**

Chairman Kopp presented the minutes from the July 8<sup>th</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup> meetings for approval. Member Schenk moved to approve, Member Diridon seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

**Authority Members' Meetings for Compensation**

Chairman Kopp presented the list of meetings for compensation for approval. Member Florez moved to approve the list of meetings for compensation seconded by Member Schenk. The motion carried 5-0.

**Member Reports**

Chairman Kopp reported AB 3034 had been approved by the Assembly 3 weeks prior to the Board meeting and had been signed by the Governor the week before the Board meeting thereby changing the bond designation on the ballot from Proposition 1 to Proposition 1A.

Member Schenk thanked Chairman Kopp for his efforts with getting AB 3034 approved.

Member Diridon stated APTA would be meeting in San Diego on October 4, 2008 through October 8, 2008.

**Executive Director Report**

Executive Director Morshed reported:

- Since the state budget has not been approved, the Authority has no ability to pay contractors for the work they perform, and most work is on hold.
- When Legislature enacted AB 3034 they also asked staff to prepare a business plan and submit it by September 1, 2008 however funds were not made available for the work needed to be done. Therefore, staff will not be able to comply with the requirement. Staff will need at least 45 days after the approval of the budget in order to put together a complete business plan.
- The approval of AB 3034 will benefit California taxpayers, which was the Governor's intent.
- Staff is proceeding with the MOU with SANDAG
- Meeting with Roger Snoble, Executive Director of Los Angeles MTA
- The next Board meeting will be on October 1, 2008 in Fresno.
- The November Board meeting will be cancelled.
- The December Board meeting will take place in San Jose on December 3, 2008.

Chairman Kopp referred to Agenda Item 1, a legally permitted closed session to discuss aspects of a lawsuit which was filed by six petitioners. Three are paper organizations, along with the Planning and Conservation League and the City of Atherton as well as the City of Menlo Park. Chairman Kopp reported the lawsuit was filed after the attorney for the petitioners asked the Authority to waive the statute of limitations until after the November election, which the Authority declined. Chairman Kopp noted that the San Mateo County/City Association of Governments took action two weeks prior to the Board meeting to support Proposition 1A unanimously. Chairman Kopp recognized the efforts of Member Diridon and stated he travelled from San Jose to San Mateo County to present to this group. The Cities of Atherton and Menlo Park abstained from this vote.

Member Crane asked what additional work needed to be performed on the new business plan.

Executive Director Morshed stated the Financial Plan needed to be updated since documents reflected cost estimates from as far back as 2004. Also, there have been alignment changes to the draft documents which need to be updated as well. These reports would be written by a number of entities such as IMG and the Program Management Team. Then there would have to be a review process before printing and distribution of the updated information. Executive Director Morshed stated this process takes time and money, which the Authority does not have without the approval of the state budget.

### **Resolution of Intent to Sponsor Independent Statutory Enactment of Assembly Bill 3034**

Chairman Kopp reported the resolution of intent is for public record to ensure that the Authority states publicly and commits itself to the material provisions of AB 3034. Chairman Kopp expressed gratitude to Assemblywoman Cathleen Galgiani for her efforts with AB 3034, on behalf of the Board.

Chairman Kopp presented a motion to adopt the resolution of intent, Member Diridon moved, Member Schenk seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

**Altamont Corridor Preliminary Design and Project-Specific Environmental Contract**

Deputy Director Dan Leavitt presented an overview of the Altamont Corridor preliminary design and project specific environmental rankings and requested for the Board to delegate authority to the Executive Director to enter into contract with the highest ranking firm of which he is able to reach a satisfactory contract with fair and reasonable compensation once negotiations have been successfully completed.

Chairman Kopp presented the motion to approve the staff recommendation, Member Diridon moved to approve, Member Florez seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

**San Francisco – San Jose Preliminary Design and Project-Specific Environmental Contract**

Deputy Director Dan Leavitt presented an overview of the San Francisco – San Jose Corridor preliminary design and project specific environmental rankings and requested for the Board to delegate authority to the Executive Director to enter into contract with the highest ranking firm of which he is able to reach a satisfactory contract with fair and reasonable compensation once negotiations have been successfully completed.

Chairman Kopp presented the motion to approve the staff recommendation, Member Diridon moved to approve, Member Florez seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

**San Jose – Merced Preliminary Design and Project-Specific Environmental Contract**

Deputy Director Dan Leavitt presented an overview of the San Jose - Merced Corridor preliminary design and project specific environmental rankings and requested for the Board to delegate authority to the Executive Director to enter into contract with the highest ranking firm of which he is able to reach a satisfactory contract with fair and reasonable compensation once negotiations have been successfully completed.

Chairman Kopp presented the motion to approve the staff recommendation, Member Schenk moved to approve, Member Florez seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

### **Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report**

Stuart Cohen from Transportation and Land Use Coalition (TALC) presented a report on the feasibility of achieving zero greenhouse gas emissions electricity for the operation of the HST system.

Mr. Cohen's report is available upon request.

Chairman Kopp presented the motion to approve the staff recommendation, Member Diridon moved to approve, Member Schenk seconded. Member Crane opposed the motion stating he did not believe this was an issue that needed to be addressed at this point of the project development. After further discussion, Member Diridon withdrew his motion. Member Schenk then moved to approve the revised motion which would simply state "The California High-Speed Rail Authority's *goal* is to power the train by clean renewable energy, making it the first true zero-emission train in the world", Member Schenk suggested making it a policy/goal, Chairman Kopp stated the language should remain the same, using only the word "policy", Member Schenk agreed. Member Florez seconded. The motion carried 4-1. Member Crane opposed.

The adopted language is as follows: "The California High-Speed Rail Authority's policy is to power the train with clean renewable energy, making it the first true zero-emission train in the world."

### **Update on Destination Lindbergh and San Diego's Future Multimodal Aviation Planning**

Mike Zdon presented a brief summary of a master plan SANDAG, the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, and the City of San Diego are currently working together on for Lindbergh Field.

Mr. Zdon's report is available upon request.

### **Public Comment**

An opportunity for public comment was provided during each public agenda item.

An opportunity for public comment was provided after all agenda items were heard.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm**

The Board met for a closed session after public agenda items had been heard.

The Board returned to open session after the closed session and announced that the Board had given staff direction and delegated authority to the Executive Director regarding the litigation.